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Zionists Clash With CJFWF On Israel Aid

Columbus Defense Funds Go Only To JDA Agencies

COLUMBUS, O.—All Jewish communal funds for civic defense for 1950 have been allocated in this strong B'nai B'rith Jewish community to the Joint Defense Appeal.

Last year, the Columbus United Jewish Fund allocated \$30,000 to the JDA, the fund-raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee; and \$500 to the American Jewish Congress.

It was reliably reported that the Congress, militant pro-Zionist civic defense agency, rejected the \$500 allocation as an insult to its work.

Allocations from 1950 collections were published last week in the Ohio Jewish CHRONICLE. Total allocations for civic defense were cut from the 1949 figure of \$30,500 to \$25,000 and all of it went to the JDA.

Last year, Columbus gave \$250 to the Jewish Labor Committee, smallest of the four Jewish civic defense agencies. No allocation was made this year to the Jewish Labor Committee.

The 1949 drive total was \$658,263, of which \$490,000 was allocated to the United Jewish Appeal. The 1950 total was \$515,321, of which \$370,000 was allocated to the United Jewish Appeal.

Rejects Zionist Charge



HARRY LURIE
Tempest in a Teapot?

Emergency Meet Assails Plans Of Welfare Funds For UJA Crisis

(Earlier Story Inside)

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Several hundred representatives of American Zionist organizations charged this week that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds sought creation of an instrument to replace the United Jewish Appeal, and top CJFWF officials promptly rejected the charge.

Target of the Zionist charges was a blueprint for a Jewish welfare funds-sponsored national campaign service which CJFWF officials said had been developed to meet any crisis in connection with the 1951 United Jewish Appeal. The CJFWF represents nationally the 300 local federations and welfare funds in the American Jewish community.

The delegates met in a private session Sunday night under auspices of the American Zionist Council. The meeting was the culmination of widespread agitation among top American Zionists over proposals of the CJFWF.

The delegates adopted a resolution "safeguarding the UJA," and said that the CJFWF blueprint would create "a divided American Jewish community as well as complete disorganization in national Jewish fund-raising for overseas needs."

An indication of the strength of Zionist feelings on the issue was a resolution calling on all branches of the Zionist movement to develop public discussions "and to use every medium of educational propaganda to point out the dangers of any attempt at this time to replace the UJA."

In another resolution, the delegates assailed the CJFWF for proposing a "Central Israel Fund." The delegates asserted that the purpose of the fund was to abolish independent campaigns now conducted in the United States by Hadassah, Histadrut, the Hebrew University and similar drives "and merge them into one fund which is supposed to meet all the needs."

The delegates asserted that the establishment of such a fund would "drastically reduce the flow of funds to Israel" and would harm the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal.

The Zionist resolution urged Zionists throughout the United States to take action to "democratize the welfare funds" and to "support strongly the policy of the UJA to secure by pre-campaign budgeting the major share of the local campaigns for the UJA."

Replies to the charges were made by Harry Lurie, CJFWF executive director, and by Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, a CJFWF vice president who is scheduled to succeed Stanley Myers as president.

Lurie, reached by the N. Y. TIMES by telephone, said that the blueprint had been developed but only for use in the event the UJA went out of existence.

Lurie said that the creation of an Israeli Central Fund had been

approved by leaders of the UJA as well as by ranking Israeli officials.

On the issue of pre-campaign budgeting, Lurie said the CJFWF favored that arrangement, not only for the UJA but for all agencies engaged in drives for local and national Jewish needs, in the United States.

Freeman, reached in Indianapolis, said there was a good deal of confusion in the Zionist uproar over CJFWF proposals.

He emphasized Lurie's statement that the blueprint had been drawn up for emergency use only. He said that discussions of such a blueprint stemmed from the 1948 crisis when a battle over control of the United Palestine Appeal delayed start of the 1949 UJA for nearly three months, as well as from earlier crisis.

The CJFWF official said there was no special timing in the current welfare fund discussion of the blueprint. He said that a previous General Assembly had ordered committee study of such plans and that the study had been made and the blueprint prouced.

He said that statements linking the blueprint with proposals for a National Jewish Welfare Fund were totally inaccurate. He added that consideration of such a national fund was not on the agenda for the next CJFWF General Assembly, scheduled for Washington, D.C. Dec. 1-3.

He said that the CJFWF took the position that a very real and desperate financial crisis existed in Israel and that one of the best ways to deal with that crisis was to make sure that American Jewish philanthropic dollars were spent with maximum effectiveness.

He said the CJFWF further believed that Israeli Jews were best qualified to do such a budgeting job and that he and fellow officials of the CJFWF had urged Israeli officials to undertake the job themselves.

"We have recommended that the new Joint Development Authority undertake this as one of its tasks," he said.

The Joint Development Authority was set up last spring with joint representation of the Israeli Government and Jewish Agency officials to handle major tasks of resettlement and rehabilitation of the flow of migrants coming into Israel.

Information reaching The POST indicated that Zionist leaders were concerned less with the current situation than with the future and were seeking to build up pressure against any eventual bid for centralization which they feared might affect maximum flow of American Jewish funds to Israel.

Conservative Jewry Warned Youth, Adult Worship Dropping

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A survey of youth work in Conservative congregations has disclosed that young people display only a moderate interest in religion, delegates to the biennial conference of the United Synagogue of America were told this week.

The report was made by Samuel Ribner, director of youth activities, who urged the Conservative movement to embark on an intensified program for teenagers.

Maxwell Abbell, Chicago Zionist and philanthropist, was elected president of the United Synagogue, succeeding Samuel Rothstein of New York, who was named honorary president.

Dr. Abraham E. Millgram, educational director, submitted a national survey of children's education. He reported that there has been a large increase in religious instruction in Conservative synagogues and a substantial increase in the number of nursery schools of two Conservative Congregational movement.

Duplicating the action of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, the 800 delegates urged the repeal of the McCarran Omnibus anti-Subversive bill. The delegates approved plans to petition Congress for repeal of the measure because many of its principles "flagrantly depart from American democratic principles."

The first general session of the

convention was told that a national survey had indicated that organized worship in Conservative synagogues was decreasing.

Simplification of prayers and sermons was urged as one means of stimulating more regular services attendance. The proposal was offered by Dr. Emil Lehman, assistant executive director.

The delegates also named 10 vice presidents and a secretary and treasurer.

The vice presidents named were Judge Emanuel Greenberg of Brooklyn; H. P. Kopplemann, of Hartford; Michael Stavitsky of Newark; Reuben Kaufman of Chicago; Reuben E. Levenson of Baltimore; Aaron Gordon of Los Angeles; B. L. Jacobs of Philadelphia; Clarence Gross of Montreal; Julian Freeman of Indianapolis and Stanley Myers of Miami.

Marvin Berger of New York was elected secretary and Elmer Hamburg of Pittsburgh treasurer.

Chinese Chow Mein And It's Kosher

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The latest item in kashrut is Chinese kosher food.

Quoting a bulletin of the Rabbinical Council of America, "Hashofar," said that Won Ton soup, Combination Chow Mein, Combination Fried Rice and Combination Egg Roll is now available with the U label of 4 the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation.

The bulletin reported that a daily supervisor is present at the Ming and Ling Food Co. of New York, which manufactures the kosher Chinese foods.

ZOA Sets Seminars For U. S. Industrialists

NEW YORK—A series of economic seminars on Israel will be held in major American cities, the Zionist Organization of America said this week.

The seminars will be held in industrial centers in the next few months under auspices of the ZOA Economic Department. They will be designed to bring together leading Jewish businessmen to discuss Israel's economic needs and potentials.

Experimental planting of pineapple trees will start in Israel with the arrival of 10,000 saplings from Cuba.

Israeli Judge Clears Second Girl Accused Of Lying To Duck Army Duty

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—The second case of an Israeli Jewish woman cleared of swearing falsely to being religious in order to avoid military service was revealed last week.

Ester Katz, 23, was charged with making a false plea to obtain the exemption under the Israeli conscription law, which exempts girls who are religious Jews.

Witnesses reported that the girl had been seen paying a bill in a Tel Aviv cafe on the Sabbath.

As in the previous case, involving Shoshana Aharon, 20, the presiding magistrate seemed to

make special efforts to avoid a ruling smacking of clericalism.

Magistrate J. Cohen held in Haifa in that case that presence of the girl in a restaurant on the Sabbath did not prove lack of religious faith. (NJP Nov. 3).

In the Tel Aviv case, the magistrate held that one digression did not prove that the offender was not religious. He was supported in that position by testimony from a rabbi.

The magistrate said that in such cases the prosecution must prove that the person was not observant at the time of swearing, not at some later date.

Canadian Congress Acts As Job Agency, Shadchan for DP Women

By BETTY SIGLER

National Jewish Post Correspondent

MONTREAL—(NJP)—The Canadian Jewish Congress was busy this week acting both as an employment agency and as a shadchan (marriage broker) in bringing 60 women garment workers from Sweden to Canada.

The migrants, some of whom have families and so do not need the second service, escaped from Poland to Sweden during the war. They were working in clothing factories in Sweden when the American Joint Distribution Committee learned they wished to emigrate. There is a marked shortage of men in the small community of Swedish Jews.

At the same time, there is a shortage of labor in

the Canadian clothing industry.

"Documentation is being prepared in Sweden now so that the prospective immigrants can be in Canada by the middle of January, in time for the busy season of the trade," Manfred Saalheimer of the Congress executive staff told The POST.

Saalheimer has been working with the Montreal Dress Manufacturers Guild on Congress's latest immigrant group labor contract. Asked if it was difficult to get jobs for the newcomers, Saalheimer replied that "there may even be some competition between Montreal and Toronto to see who gets the workers."

"Besides," he added, "we don't want the girls to get lost."

When the Congress started negotiations with the JDC, officials thought all the future new Canadians in Sweden were single girls. Since it turned out that a number are married and some are mothers, the Congress will act as sponsors for the husbands too, and has undertaken to find them jobs.

The JDC has also informed Congress that there are still about 200 families, some 500 persons, in the camps of Germany, Austria, France and Belgium who would like to come to Canada. While no plans for their immigration have been announced, it is not unlikely that they will come to Canada in 1951. Congress, in cooperation with Canadian businessmen, has brought more than 5,000 persons into Canada since the end of the war on group labor agreements.

Orthodox Women To Hold Convention

National Jewish Post

BALTIMORE—Delegates from 250 affiliated groups are expected for the annual convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The convention will be held 1948.

Nov. 28 at the Southern Hotel here, on the theme of "Tradition Judaism—a Modern Way of Life."

Another 623 immigrants from Shanghai arrived at Haifa aboard the S/S Negba, bringing to 5,000 the number of Jews who have come from China since December

Only Yiddish Daily In London Suspends

LONDON—The Jewish TIMES, London's only Yiddish daily newspaper, ceased publication last week.

The paper was founded in 1913 by the late Morris Myer, a prominent Zionist and communal leader, who edited until his death in 1944.

New Alloy Speeds Building in Israel

TEL AVIV—Instead of building wooden forms in which to pour concrete flooring and wall supports, Israel builders will soon be using a light alloy scaffolding which will practically eliminate the use of concrete.

The new material will obviate the need for skilled carpenters and unlike wooden forms, which deteriorate with use and must be replaced, can be used indefinitely.

U. S. Jewish History Published This Week

NEW YORK—Publication of "A Documentary History of the Jews in the United States" was scheduled this week by the Citadel Press.

Edited by Morris U. Schappes, the volume brings together articles on all aspects of Jewish life from Colonial times.

NCRAC Raps Broadcaster Slam At FCC In Hearing On Richards

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A group of leading Jewish organizations have come to the defense of the Federal Communications Commission in the G. A. Richards case.

A statement issued through the office of the National Community Relations Advisory Council challenged an attack on the FCC by the National Association of Broadcasters.

The NAB recently adopted a resolution condemning the FCC for its two year investigation into charges of anti-Semitic news slanting ordered by Richards on one of his stations, KMPC in Los Angeles.

SO THEY SAY

The NAB asserted that the probe violated Richards' privacy and rights under the First Amendment. In a joint letter, the Jewish groups attacked the NAB resolution "as betraying a basic misunderstanding of the necessary and natural functions which the FCC must serve if it is responsibly to acquit itself of its obligations to the American people."

The statement of the NCRAC, which is the national coordinating body for U.S. Jewish civic defense agencies, said that its agencies would not "attempt to prejudge the case 'as Richards and some of his associates and advocates have had the bad taste to do.'"

"We think it appropriate, however, to remark, as we have done before, that the corroborated and consistent statements of some 20 witnesses formerly intimately involved in the operation of Richards' radio stations and the large number of government exhibits showing vile anti-Semitic canards written in Richard's own hand in directives to his station executives, constitutes an obvious prima facie case with the FCC could dodge only if it were prepared to abdicate its function and publicly declare itself to be bankrupt," the statement said.

JDC Annual Meet To Be One-Day Event

NEW YORK—The annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee will be a one-day affair this year, on Saturday evening, January 6.

Chairman Edward M. M. Warburg said the session will be held at the Hotel Commodore, with the usual Sunday sessions omitted.



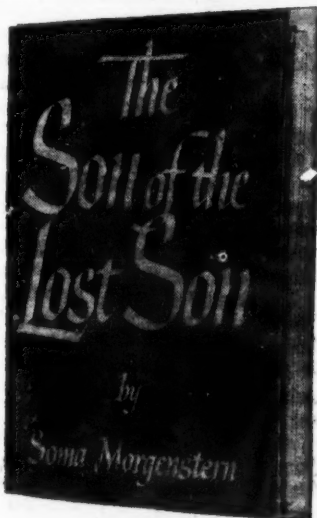
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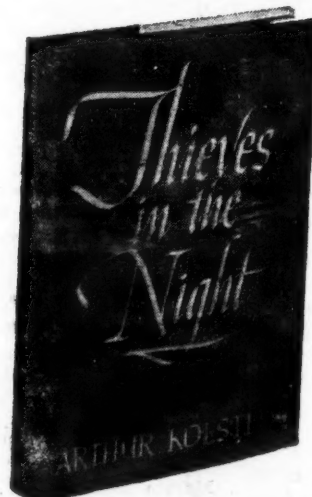
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Battle Looms At Next CJFWF Convention On Jewish Welfare Fund

See Editorial This Issue

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The possibility of a sharp clash over proposals for a national Jewish welfare fund and a central Israeli fund loomed this week for the 19th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Both proposals have powerful backing from leading officials in the CJFWF, which represents the 300 local federations and welfare funds in the American Jewish community. Leading American Zionists in the CJFWF have become convinced that both proposals threaten such independent fund-raising for Israel as Hadassah and Histadrut.

FIGHT COMING

Reports circulated that leading Zionists on CJFWF committees were busy organizing a fight against General Assembly approval of either or both proposals. Both have received backing from regional CJFWF meetings, particularly the proposal for a central Israeli fund, which has been endorsed by six regional CJFWF conventions in recent months.

The conclave will open Dec. 1 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. and will end Dec. 3.

THREE AT A TIME

The conclave will open Friday morning with three concurrent sessions on campaigning, community organization and social planning.

The campaign meeting will help local funds plan for their 1951 welfare fund drives. Leon B. Bernstein, chairman of the Trade Council of the 1950 Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal, will make the presentation.

Louis Matusoff of Dayton will be the discussant at a session on

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SOMETHING NEW

An Oneg Shabbat in the afternoon will feature an address by H. L. Lurie, CJFWF executive director.

Five simultaneous breakfasts will be held Sunday morning for communities. These will include sessions on the best ways of collecting outstanding pledges, on federation and community chest relations, on metropolitan community centers, on "Functional Federations or Autonomus Agencies, and one on problems and programs of smaller cities. Henry Feferman of South Bend, Ind., will make the presentation at the fifth session.

BUSINESS ON SUNDAY

The annual business meeting will get underway Sunday at 11 a.m. when delegates will start voting on resolutions emerging from committee reports and discussions at the sessions.

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and the CJFWF 1951 budget and dues schedule will be considered.

The Sunday afternoon session will discuss the issue of "mobilization to Meet Jewish Overseas and Domestic Needs." Starting with a luncheon, the session will tackle the issue of the role of the federations in the four-point aid to Israel program approved at the National Planning Conference in Washington, D.C. last month.

That program called for expanded United Jewish Appeal campaigns, more investment in Israel, U.S. Government grants-in-aid to Israel and support of a forthcoming Israel bond issue.

The largest single item in the \$21,000,000 budget of the Tel Aviv municipality for the current record is \$5,000,000 for education.

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TRIAL OF JEWISH YOUTH HELD FOR FIGHTING HATERS DELAYED

National Jewish Post
BOSTON—The trial of 25 Jewish youth arrested in connection with a recent series of attacks on Jewish children in the Greater Boston area has been postponed until Dec. 1.

The youths were arrested after they had sallied forth from Hyde Park to retaliate against a group of hoodlums who had been molesting Jewish boys in Dorchester.

Following a battle that developed, the Jewish boys were arrested. None of the attackers were arrested. (NJP Nov. 10).

The Jewish Community Council meanwhile moved to cope with

the new outbreaks. Robert Segal, executive director, and Sol Kolack, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League office here, have met with Gov. Paul A. Dever.

Other conferences have been underway between Jewish leaders and Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan and Mayor John B. Hynes.

The Haifa airport has been reopened for domestic and international air travel.

Israel Citrus Crop Provides New Jobs

JERUSALEM — Some 12,000 new immigrants will be employed in the citrus industry during the coming season—out of a total of 150,000 workers. The Ministry of Labor, cooperating with the Histadrut Citrus Packers' Union, has inaugurated courses in fruit-wrapping, sorting, packing and carpentry required for crates for some 3,000 newcomers now in maabarot (temporary work settlements) and immigrant villages in 28 centers.

A new \$280,000 workshop for the building of machine parts and for engine re-building has been opened in Tel Aviv. It was opened by five immigrants from China.

2 Philadelphia Congress Units Protest Probe Of Rebel Group

PHILADELPHIA—Protests against the investigation by the national office of the American Jewish Congress into activities of local dissident Congress members have been made by two local Congress chapters.

The Philadelphia Jewish TIMES also reported that other local chapters of the militant pro-Zionist civic defense agency are planning similar protests.

The activities under national scrutiny are an outgrowth of the dismissal last April of John Bernheimer as executive director of the Philadelphia Council of the Congress.

The investigation was scheduled to get underway last week but was postponed until Nov. 28. Prof. Kallen, world-famous Jewish philosopher, who heads the in-

quiry, granted the postponement when defendants complained they had not been given enough time to prepare their defense.

The protesting chapters were the Tikvah chapter and the Kurt Lewin chapter. They were reported to have passed resolutions asking that the national administration drop the whole issue as a "closed incident" and that national leadership stick to the Congress' program.

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(2) Jews in Roumania must continue to emigrate in large numbers while they still have the opportunity to go to Israel. The \$50,000,000 you give now may mean the difference between a life in Israel

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(3) The Jews of Libya and Tripolitania have appealed—again—for rescue. In 1951, these lands will come under direct control of the Arabs. The \$50,000,000 you give now to the United Jewish Appeal can help save these Jews from oppression.

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munities voted unanimously at the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation to mobilize American Jewry for this supreme emergency effort—the collection of \$50,000,000 in cash during November and December to enable the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal to carry on with their vital missions of rescue and rehabilitation in Israel, Europe, North Africa and the United States.

Before the year runs out, here is what you can do. Pay your 1950 pledge in full. If your pledge is all paid up, make a substantial advance payment—now—on your contribution for 1951. Help raise the \$50,000,000 the United Jewish Appeal must have before December 31 of this year.

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Conservative Rabbis Urged To Speed Action On Law Change

Women's League Decries Status Of Agunah, Divorce For Jewesses

By LEWIS N. GINSBURG

National Jewish Post Correspondent

MINNEAPOLIS—(NJP)—Women leaders in the Conservative congregational movement want prompt action from their rabbinate on knotty problems in Jewish Law affecting the status of women. That notice was served on the Rabbinical Assembly of America last week at the convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

The delegates urged the Conservative rabbinate to introduce changes in Jewish Law pertaining to Agunah (deserted wife status), Chalitzah, the Biblically-prescribed act of severing ties between an individual and his widowed childless sister-in-law, and about "get," Jewish divorce.

DO IT NOW

In a resolution approved unanimously by the convention, the delegates asked the Rabbinical Assembly to "evolve a means of alleviating the distressed and hopeless position of agunah."

The term refers to a Jewish woman who has lost her husband under circumstances in which death cannot be proven. Under Jewish Law, she is forbidden to re-marry. The issue is brought to the fore for observant Jewish women during a war period, as well as by the wholesale murder by the nazis of millions of Jewish husbands whose bodies are unrecoverable.

The same resolution called for "directives eliminating the chalitzah from modern American Jewish life," because it is "a violation of human dignity and all esthetic laws."

In order that women shall no longer "be deprived of the protection of civil laws of the land in which they live or be penalized by the lack of equal rights in the matter of the get," the resolution also petitioned the Rabbinical Assembly "to equalize the status of women in divorce with that of men."

A second resolution demanded equality for women in Jewish religious and synagogue life. The resolution proposed that "all Sisterhoods continue to seek representation on their congregational boards, religious schools advisory committees, and other planning committees pertaining to the organizational functions of the congregation."

PAT ON THE BACK
The convention commended the Rabbinical Assembly for the progress made to date in complying with a resolution passed by the 1948 conclave urging the rabbis "to evolve a pattern and to issue statements of clarification and direction to our people for Jewish living within the scope of contemporary American life." The resolution urged that this effort be continued.

(Last June, after more than two years of debate and discussion, the Rabbinical Assembly adopted a majority and minority position on riding on the Sabbath and synagogue services or other-

wise in performance of a mitzvah (commandment).

A resolution asking abolition of the House un-American Activities Committee and repeal of the McCarran Omnibus Subversive Control law caused some bickering among delegates over the use of the phrase "Whereas, a spirit of hysteria has pre-



gress." Finkelstein vailed in Congress.

The resolution was passed and then an amendment was introduced to "reword the passage in a gentler way" and was passed after some debate.

A motion to change the organization's name introduced by a delegate from Chicago brought the only lengthy controversy of the four-day convention.

The motion, presented by Mrs. Max Durschlag, asked that the name of the group be changed to United Synagogue Sisterhoods, on grounds the present name "does not carry tradition and prestige."

VOCAL OBJECTIONS
After some tussles over parliamentary moves, a call for a show of hands brought a vote which was ruled inconclusive by Mrs. Barnette E. Kopelman, retiring president, who opposed the change.

Her proposal that the matter be referred to committee was carried by a rising vote, to the accompaniment of vocal disapproval by delegates who wanted immediate action. The committee will bring a recommendation on the name change to the 1952 convention.

Following her election as president, Mrs. Emanuel Siner of New Gardens, L. I., boarded a plane for Washington, D. C., where together with five other national Conservative leaders and Zionist officials, she met with President Truman at the White House.

A STRANGE END
Delegates were told that a possible gradual diminution of Jewish loyalties among American Jews was possible because of the rebirth of Israel. The warning came from Rabbi Judah Nadich of Brookline, Mass., who spoke at the Women's League Torah Fund luncheon, at which a goal of \$250,000 for its Torah Fund program was adopted.

Rabbi Nadich explained that throughout Jewish history the constant hope of restoration of a homeland has been a potent factor in Jewish survival.

"Now with the hope realized and with the Jewish State established, that survival factor is

Non-Kosher Hotel Gives Kosher Meals

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—Delegates to the convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America were served kosher food but it took some doing.

The Radisson Hotel, one of the sites of the convention, does not ordinarily maintain facilities but the hotel unpacked new dishes, utensils, and pots and pans for the convention. All meals were prepared in the hotel kitchen under rabbinical kashrut supervision.

gone," he said. "It must be compensated for and it can be compensated for in only one way—by an intensification of the purely religious and cultural values in Jewish life."

JUDAISM IN HOME

A "Judaism in the Home" project was adopted by the convention and formally launched at a luncheon in a talk by Mrs. Anna B. Brevis of Buffalo, educator and education consultant to the Women's League. Mrs. Brevis originated the project.

The goal is to teach young Jewish mothers how to train their children in Jewish religious values and observances through the use of Jewish music, songs, books,

stories, symbols, ritual, games, toys and holidays.

The convention adopted a Fellowship plan proposed by Mrs. Joseph Gordon of Minneapolis and Dr. Evelyn Garfield of New York City. The plans call for the 100,000 members to "participate consciously in the creation of a vibrant American Judaism for today and tomorrow" by declaring their willingness "to make the Sabbath operative" in their lives and by devoting themselves "to acquiring Torah."

A JEWISH ASSEMBLY

Religious life today demands the creation of a Jewish Assembly similar to the "American Assembly for modern political life recently proposed by Gen. Eisenhower," delegates were told.

The proposal was made by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

"Just as the men of the 'Great Synagogue' constituted an assembly which was the bridge between prophecy and Rabbinic Judaism, so we now have to have an institution which might serve as a bridge between Rabbinic Judaism and the spiritual world in which our children have to live."

NO SUCH JEW

Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis, former president of the Rabbinical Assembly, told the delegates that "one of the tragedies of the American Jew is that

Women League Meet Adopts Major Budget

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—The National Women's League convention last week adopted a budget of \$84,000 for 1951-52, a record sum for an organization which is a non-fund raising group.

The budget will provide for expansion of the group's activities in education and program work, in addition to maintenance.

there is no integrated American Jew."

He called for a reconstruction of Jewish life to meet the needs of the day and asked for an end to the building of Judaism on "vague childhood memories."

Gibraltar Jew Named To Legislative Body

GIBRALTAR (WNS) Joshua Hassan, leading figure in the Jewish community here, has been elected a member of the Gibraltar Legislative Council, which will shortly begin exercising a voice in the rule of the British "rock" community.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

SOPHIE TUCKER, 'ALWAYS A ZIONIST,' PLANS TO VISIT ISRAEL NEXT YEAR

ADDITIONAL several interesting items to the Jewish record, SOPHIE TUCKER announced last week that she had always been a Zionist and intended to make her first visit to Israel next spring. The famed night club singer made the disclosures in an interview obtained by Mike Shulman for the Boston Jewish TIMES. She said she planned to visit the collectives and to give concerts for Israel aid in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. "I'll be fulfilling one of my long-felt ambitions when I go to Jerusalem," she said. "I've always been very much interested first in Palestine and now in Israel." Miss Tucker disclosed a family matter was involved. "I guess my mother's zeal for the Holy Land was instilled in me. My mother had a hankering to get to Jerusalem and it will be a mighty proud moment for me when I arrive there."

The Historic Task

A dissenting opinion was registered in Chicago concerning reports of color prejudice among western Jews in Israel toward their Oriental brothers. The dissenter was Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN, spiritual leader of the K.A.M. Temple, who reported in the Temple Bulletin on some of his impressions of Israel. Ad-

The Eternal Jest

The Israel cabinet re-shuffle that bounced DR. DOV JOSEPH out of the Ministry of Rationing and Supply hasn't ended the steady flow of gags at his expense. Many a footweary Israeli found life a little easier laughing at some bar aimed at Joseph. Apparently a parting shot is his tale: As soon as it became known that Joseph had been named Minister of Communications, there was a rush to buy railway tickets and postage stamps before a shortage developed.

The Helping Hand

For MOSHE SHARRET, Israel's peppery foreign minister, life is not all labors in international diplomacy. Sharret is acquiring a name as a name-giver in Israel. When he recently called



SHARRET

the Post Office late one night, the clerk said he recognized Sharret's voice and recalled talking to the Foreign minister in Italy as a member of the Jewish Brigade. When the clerk said his name was Handlesman, Sharret suggested he change it. The clerk replied he might if he got a good suggestion from Sharret. When the clerk called back to check the wording of the cable, it was all set and Handlesman officially became Hadass a few days later.

The Surprise Report

A book in hard covers does well if it sells 10,000 copies. A 25-cent edition hits 200,000 with ease and million-copy sales are not rarities. Pondering these facts, pundit HAROLD U. RIBALOW, managing editor of the Congress Weekly noted that many of the 25-cent title deal with "Jewish themes, contain Jewish characters or reflect Jewish problems." Moreover, he found the 25-cent reprints of novels of Jewish interest sell as widely as any other. Concluded

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26—Ceremonies marking the bicentennial of 200-year-old Temple Beth Elohim, Charleston, S.C., featuring its rabbi, Dr. Allan Tarshish, on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

Ribalow: "the Jew in fiction is now taken for granted just as the Negro in fiction has become a very familiar figure."

The Old Home

When Sir HERBERT SAMUEL was High Commissioner for Palestine, he spoke Sefardi Hebrew. During the recent celebration of his 80th birthday, he used the Askenazic pronunciation when he was called to the reading of the Law at the New West Synagogue in London. He was greatly moved by the tribute paid him by the Rev. Ephraim Levine and smiled when the rabbi said one mark of his greatness was that he had managed not to please everybody in his long public service, adding that "And no Jew can please every Jew."

With The Rabbis

Rabbi and Mrs. C. H. GINSBERG of Minneapolis have announced the birth of a son, Yosef Israel.

Rabbi and Mrs. JOSEPH SAFRA were honored by the Sisterhood of Beth Jacob in Atlanta, where the rabbi recently became spiritual leader.

Eisendrath Again Named UAHC Head

National Jewish Post CLEVELAND—Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath was re-elected president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at closing sessions of its biennial here last week. The UAHC is the congregational arm of the American Reform movement.

Other officers included Oscar M. Lazarus, treasurer; Rabbi Louis Egelson, administrative secretary; Hy Kanter, controller. Dr. Samuel S. Hollender of Chicago was elected chairman of the board of the UAHC.

Dinner For Weizmann Set For Nov. 29

NEW YORK—A dinner in tribute to the 76th birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of Israel, will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Nov. 29.

Proceeds of the \$500-a-plate affair will go to the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technion.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

HADASSAH NURSE CENTRAL FIGURE OF NEW FILM ON ISRAEL STRUGGLE

By SIMON WINCELBERG

HERBERT G. Luft's pre-vacation occupations and pre-occupations in Hollywood have so far encompassed active duty as casting director, research man, scriptwriter, translator, film editor and a period of association with the production of an unmade Ginger Rogers film for a company that went broke.



On the sectarian side, Herb is a "keyman" of L.A.'s United Jewish Welfare Fund, and has been known to provide edification to numerous readers of the B'nai B'rith MESSENGER, one of the local Anglo-Jewish weeklies, with a weekly column of quite serious and discerning drama criticism. Probably Hollywood's most conspicuous debt to Herb is as one of the founders and financial backers of the Orchard Gables Repertory Theater group which, until the Zoning Commission caught up with them, and made them move from an oversized livingroom rich with Strindbergian associations into a proper theater, were running an intimate and first rate little "museum of the theater" on the former Belknap Estate in Hollywood.

Now, following a six week binge among the topless towers of Ilium, among the ships that have launched a thousand faces, Herb and Pepi Luft are among us again, saturated to the gunwhales with a good sampling of what New York has recently had to offer in the way of Jewish, cultural or cinematic life.

SAMPLE: One of their more pleasant evenings in New York was spent at the Habibi, a newly-opened Israeli-style nightclub, whose atmosphere struck them as likely to induce nostalgia in more Viennese than Tel-Avivians, and where the M.C., in deference to the linguistic preference among the customers, included "Mein Hut Der Hat Drei Ecken" (My Hat, It Has Three Corners) in his fairly comprehensive repertoire.

Offsetting such somewhat inauthentic Israeli touches as lobster, tongue and cheese sandwiches, and creamed chicken on the menu, some excellent entertainment was supplied by Hillel and Aviva, a sabra (native-born Israeli) husband and wife team.

SAMPLE: Rosh Hashonah found the Lufts milling among the thousands who had gathered at the East River for tashlich. To Herb's cinematic mind, the huge United Nations skyscraper looming benevolently in the background added just the right touch of color and perhaps even symbolism.

SAMPLE: Their record of interviews, for subsequent articles in the MESSENGER, included a session with Joseph Krumboltz of Palestine Films, who arranged a private screening for them of "Forty-eight Hours a Day," an imaginatively-made, soon to be released film about a life in the day of a Hadassah nurse during the Arab siege.

Three other films now being made for Palestine Films appear to include "The House on the Hill," about the Hebrew University; "Village Tale," about the rehabilitation of a European family in Israel, and the tensions between the older and younger generations; and one as yet untitled film about the efforts to create low-cost housing in Israel.

SAMPLE: An illuminating talk with Edwin Piscator, one of the great directors of the pre-war Berlin stage, now associated with the Drama Workshop in New York. Mr. Piscator is planning a new stage version of Kafka's "The Trial," which will point up the contemporary, if perhaps not altogether Kafkaesque, terrors of modern man faced with inquisitions, anonymous accusations, guilt by association, and the fear of the omniscient and unapproachable bureaucracies.

ONE OF THE LUFTS' MAJOR disappointments on their trip back was their inability to meet up with Charlene Gelfman, a fan of Herb's brand of journalism ever since his pioneering days in Ottumwa, Iowa. Charlene was unable to come to the train in Chicago because of Shabbat. A previous letter of hers to the Lufts tells how she had read about Herbert in the Hollywood column of THE POST and how, if she will forgive me for quoting her verbatim, she has "subscribed to the paper for a long while, but that was THE article of significance in all the time I had taken it." So go try to be significant week after week.

An assembly plant for agricultural and other machinery by the C. H. Johnson Machinery Ltd., of Stockport, England, will be established in Israel soon.

U. S. Histadrut Meet Starts This Weekend

NEW YORK—More than 5,000 delegates from 250 cities are expected for the 27th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor this week end. The conclave ends Sunday.

The convention will launch the 1950-51 Israel Histadrut campaign and mark the 30th anniversary of the Histadrut, the General Labor Confederation in Israel.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

HAVE ANY ORTHODOX DISCIPLES
OF 613 COMMANDMENTS READ THEM?

By HELEN COHEN

Do you recall my piece on the decision reached by Jewish religious leaders after the fall of Jerusalem—that study was more important than observance because "knowledge of the Torah is bound to lead to obedience of its wise laws where-as observance without intelligent understanding of the background offers little hope for the future?"

The letter in the Nov. 17 POST from Melvin Goldenhersh of East St. Louis, Ill., is a perfect example of what can happen to a religious group when it leans on observance while being completely ignorant of the background. Mr. Goldenhersh echoes the belief of many others in the Jewish group when he writes of the eternal character of the 613 Divine Commandments and that the Orthodox believe we should "strive to observe all of them."

I hear the same refrain from all sides, including our own book reviewer. There was an article in CONGRESS WEEKLY not long ago by the noted Jewish author, Ludwig Lewisohn, in which he sketched out his conception of the American Jewish plot—a Conservative rabbi would become disgusted with the shortcomings of his congregation, resign and go to live among a pious Orthodox group, devoting his life to observing all 613 Divine Commandments.

I hate to shock these gentlemen out of their comfortable position but if any one of them would take the time to read the commandments, even carelessly, they would realize that at least three-fourths of them are so outdated that they couldn't possibly be observed or even interpreted to have any meaning for our generation.

THIS IS NOT TO MINIMIZE the worth of those remaining commandments which are eternal in their truth, and which our present-day group is as much in need of—as ideals—as any generation in the past (for instance commandment 195 Pos. Thou shalt surely open thy hand to thy poor and needy brother; 302 Neg. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; 304 Neg. Thou shalt not take vengeance) but I would like to see Mr. Lewisohn's rabbi or any other human being devoting his time to observing these:

28 Pos. We are commanded that the priests are to burn incense twice daily (in the sanctuary).

38 Pos. We are commanded that the High Priest is to wed only a virgin.

60 Pos. We are commanded that any cattle offering we bring as a sacrifice shall be perfect.

81 Pos. We are commanded that we are to redeem the firstling of an ass.

(Altogether 75 of the Positive Commandments and 92 of the Negative Commandments refer to the Sanctuary, Priesthood and Sacrifices.)

143 Pos. We are commanded that we are to give the priest the shoulder, the two cheeks and the maw of every clean beast.

173 Pos. We are commanded that we are to appoint a king over ourselves.

182 Pos. We are commanded that we are to provide six Cities of Refuge (for any manslayer that killed a person through error).

188 Pos. We are commanded that we are to extirpate the seed of the Amelikeites.

226-230 Pos. We are commanded that the Court is to afflict death by the sword, by strangling, by burning, by stoning or by hanging the violators of certain commandments.

235 Pos. We are commanded that we are to retain a Canaanitish bondsman (slave) forever.

Need I continue further? Are these—and these are only samples—of what you had in mind as eternal verities?

AN OBVIOUS REASON FOR the lack of knowledge by Jewish laymen of the 613 Commandments is that until recently they were accessible only in Hebrew. Orthodox Rabbi Charles B. Chavel, formerly of Louisville, made the translation into English of the "Book of Divine Commandments" published in 1940 by the Soncino Press of London, if you want to try to locate a copy.

To give you a clear picture of the 613 commandments, I should point out that they are all those statements in the Chumash (first five books of the Old Testament) and only those, which could be classified as Divine Commandments. Several leaders in the early centuries, after the Bible was complete, attempted to catalogue them, but it was the list drawn up by Maimonides which has been used ever since. Maimonides divided the list into 248 Positive and 365 Negative Commandments.

Finland and Israel
Sign Complete Pact

HAKIRYA—The first agreement in which Israel imports will be covered fully by her exports was signed here with Finland on November 12.

The new commercial and payments agreement provides for the exchange of goods valued at \$3,600,000 for the period of November 16, 1950, to November 15, 1951.

Newark Jew Slated
For Federal Chief Judge

NEWARK (WNS) — Judge Philip Foreman, noted Jewish leader and jurist, is slated to become Chief Judge of the Federal District Court in New Jersey, according to informed sources.

He is expected to succeed Chief Judge Guy L. Fake, who is to retire upon the attainment of the age of 71.

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Mrs. S. B. Possick, 4800 6th Ave. So., St. Petersburg, Fla., writes:

I would like to know the origin of my maiden name Berkowitz. My people came from the town of Slutsk near Vilno in Poland.

BBERKOWITZ is an illustrious family name. The ancestor of the family was Berko, a rich merchant and banker who lived in Brody, Poland in the middle of the 18th century. He was head of his community, marshal of the Jewish Parliament and the most prominent Jew in Poland. His children took the family name of Berkowitz (meaning "sons of Berko") and this eventually became the family name. When Poland was partitioned by Prussia, Russia and Austria, those Berkowitizes who lived in Austria took the name of Bernstein. Hence Berkowitz and Bernstein are identical in origin. But not all Berkowitizes are descended from Berko. Some took the name as a simple patronymic. The personal name Berko or Berish is quite widespread among Jews of Eastern Europe. Anyone whose father's name was Berish might call himself Berkowitz.

Joyce Smoleroff, 446 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., writes:

Can you tell me the origin of the name Panish? I believe the family came from England but I am not sure. It is a simple name, yet I have never heard another like it.

PANISH—more correctly Panicz—is a Polish and Ukrainian

What Foods These Morsels Be

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Some recipes this week guaranteed to add a glamorous touch to any meal, including a stuffing which can be prepared as a separate casserole dish. Who wants plain cooking when they can eat these?

STUFFING

3 med. onions	2 slices rye bread
1 small bell pepper	1 large potato
2 stalks celery	2 eggs
4 tbsps. chicken fat	parsley
4 slices white bread	salt pepper and paprika

Cut up onions, pepper and celery fine, and medium brown in fat. Soak and squeeze out bread. Add to onions and brown together. Grate potato and drain off liquid. Beat eggs well and mix with potato. Season and mix all together. Grease casserole and bake covered, or use to stuff veal, turkey or chicken.

Contributed by Mrs. Julius Buchman
805 A. W. Baker St.
Plant City, Fla.

KNADEL TZIMMES WITH RUTABAGA

Knaidel

1 cup flour
1 small onion chopped fine
2 tbsps. chicken fat
¼ tsp. salt, pepper
½ tsp. baking powder
1 egg

Peel and cut in little blocks 1 lb. rutabaga. Mix knadel ingredients well, and place in casserole. Surround with rutabaga. Mix ingredients for liquid and pour over. Cover and bake in moderate oven about 2 hours. Instead of rutabaga, carrots, sweet potatoes or turnips can be used.

Knaidel Tzimmes contributed by
Mrs. Gussie Milchman
3003 Aquilla
Tampa, Fla.

POTATO KNISH

Dough

1 cup flour
2 tbsps. shortening
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup water

Prepare dough. Boil potatoes with salt. Cut onions fine and saute in fat until light brown. Mash or rice potatoes and mix well with browned onions. Add 2 tbsps. fat. Roll out dough as thin as possible on a table cloth and spread potato mixture on dough. Take cloth and roll up, then cut this long strip into small pieces t off on a cookie sheet. Bake 1 hour at 350.

Contributed by Mrs. Herman Aronovitz
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term meaning "a young gentle-

man." It is a flattering allusion to the bearer's personal appearance or else it might be a reference to the fact that the man who first assumed this name was the son of a landed estate owner. It has nothing to do with Eng-

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POST Favors National Budgeting, Central Israel Budget

THE POST has consistently been in favor of a national Jewish community chest and supports the report of the Committee on Unified and Stable Fund raising to be presented at the coming General Assembly of the council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which calls for the establishment of such a machinery if the United Jewish Appeal should ever again break down.

The POST recognizes that this means concentration of power, but this is what all government involves. Without government, one has only chaos and uninhibited private action—which is just what the American Jewish community has today.

What the present lack of restraint means is that each agency is allowed to go to the American Jewish community with a request for as much money as it can raise, without any relevance to its needs. Often there is very little connection between the sum an agency gets and the value of its work to the community.

Conversely, our seminaries for the education of rabbis are suffering for lack of necessary funds. The situation is harmful and only the assumption by the Jewish community of its rights will bring any order out of the chaos.

Another issue before the next General As-

sembly is the matter of a Central Israeli Fund. The POST favors that proposal, also, at least in theory. Just how such a proposal would work in practice no one seems to know or be willing to predict, so that on this issue The POST cannot be explicit.

If a Central Israeli fund means the crippling of the Hadassah and Histadrut fund-raising efforts, then The POST is opposed. If the Fund means the elimination of many doubtful drives by agencies taking advantage of the lack of any system, then The POST is for it.

Unfortunately, however, neither of these proposals will be approved by the General Assembly. The Zionists seem to feel that their position will be jeopardized, and once the Zionists in the American Jewish community become aroused, they are not to be thwarted.

The Zionists and the pro-Israeli fail to recognize that they control the American Jewish community, and that if a national Jewish welfare fund is established, it will be controlled by that community which by now is thoroughly Zionist. As a result the Zionists are really fighting against themselves, which might be expected from a movement which is both young and lacking leadership capable of recognizing the movement's strength.

Will This Save Our Congregations?

RABBI Louis M. Levitsky of Newark has clipped out a copy of a POST editorial of Nov. 3 and underlined the following sentence from it: "The rabbi who wishes to fill the needs of his congregation can come to no other conclusion today than that his principal task is education." Rabbi Levitsky has added in long-hand "I agree completely."

The editorial pointed up the need to "return the pulpit to its original purpose," which was to educate the membership.

Apropos of all this, The POST would like to repeat a suggestion previously made on more than one occasion. Congregations should adopt the Wildacres Plan in which a Jewish group goes off for three or four days to a secluded spot and studies Jewish history and philosophy under the guidance of recognized teachers. Several congregations, notably Rabbi Morris Adler's Shaare Zedek in Detroit and Rabbi Eric Friedland's Beth Am Congregation in Chicago already sponsor such "retreats," but the plan should be adopted generally and there should not be a congregation in the United States which doesn't hold a "Wildacres" at least once a year.

The effect of this widespread system of "retreats" on the adult Jewish community is impossible to calculate. Here we have a "lost generation" which has to resort to adult "Bar Mitzvahs" and other novelties because at the

time that generation was supposed to learn about its heritage, the emphasis was not toward Judaism but away from it.

One means of trying to estimate the effect of a "retreat" in a congregation is to compare the possibilities of the degree of learning as between a three-day study pilgrimage and a six-week study course meeting for an hour or so a week.

In three days devoted to Jewish study, the American Jew can learn more than in 20 lecture courses or years of listening to speeches. That proposition can hardly be disputed.

The effect of an institute within a synagogue must be tremendous. The entire congregation would be invigorated. The effect on attendance at services would be most noticeable, as would the impact on the rabbi, his attitudes and his work.

Is there further need to labor the point? Within the next few years, there should not be a single congregation in the United States which does not include within its program at least one "retreat." Already Rabbi Friedland's congregation conducts two annually. The Wildacres plan applied to the synagogue is the best answer to the problem of the ignorance of the adult Jew of today. It is what is called in the vernacular "a natural," and its growth in the Jewish group should be phenomenal.

A Great Victory For Survivalist Judaism

THE attitude of the delegates at the biennial in Cleveland last week of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) was remarkable to behold. Even for The POST—an old campaigner for not underestimating the revival that is taking place in the American Jewish community—the sessions were a remarkable confirmation of this paper's viewpoint.

Here, at what is supposed to be the stronghold for watering down everything Jewish, the victory of the survivalist Jew was most strikingly apparent.

No longer can anyone refer to survivalist and traditionalist Jews as if the reference was solely to followers of Orthodoxy and Conservatism. This would be a grave error. At Cleve-

land almost every act, every speech, every argument was directed at how to make Jews more Jewish; there was no serious note of opposition to anything that other Jews hold sacred, and the spirit and the will of the delegates would have made the proverbial visitor from Mars think he was attending a Conservative, if not an Orthodox, convention.

The POST has long noted the fight of the Reform rabbinate, especially of the younger men, for a return to traditional Judaism and its practices. But the stand of the lay Reform leadership had been undefined. Cleveland indicated that the Reform rabbis are not alone in their desire to make American Judaism meaningful and reasonable, but thoroughly Jewish as well.

Sisterhood Schools Can Be Held Everywhere

THE POST cannot but praise the Sisterhood School for Leaders held under the auspices of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in January of this year at Temple Emanu-El in New York.

For an entire week sessions were held from 9:30 a. m. until one o'clock and 40 women attended classes regularly. They studied such subjects as History and Practices of Reform Judaism; the History of the Synagogue; the Union Prayerbook and the Institutions of Reform Judaism.

Written homework assignments and a final examination took the sessions out of the "play" category and indicated the serious nature of the program.

The report on this school made by Jane Evans, executive director of the NFTS, states that "The success of this first school has convinced the officers of the Federation that efforts should be made to hold similar schools under NFTS auspices in other sections of the country and ultimately to develop an advance course for those who complete the first sessions of the school."

The POST concurs heartily in these recommendations, and would suggest that such a school could be successfully conducted by every Sisterhood. It need not be a "sectional" school, but one that could be local to every community where there is a Reform congregation.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

IT REQUIRES no comment from me or The POST about the amazing transformation of the Ford Motor Co. from an enemy which was a serious threat to the security of the Jewish community to a staunch supporter not alone of many Jewish causes but of a financial contributor as well.

Many have said—and no doubt the Ford leaders today anticipated such comment—that the company changed because it was alienating an important part of its potential market. But this is a cynical view, which while natural is not fair. By now all of us are convinced of the sincerity of Henry Ford's grandchildren.

In this connection, a speech delivered by Benson Ford, vice president of the company, before the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews sounds almost as if it were taken from a rabbi's sermon on the prophets.

"The well springs of our vitality," said Mr. Ford, referring to the United States, "are not economic. They go far deeper; they are ethical and spiritual."

"We believe in men not merely as production units, but as the children of God."

"Our society in America is founded not upon the cold and bloodless 'economic man' of the Marxist, but upon faith in man as an end in himself. We believe that the purpose of our society is not primarily to assure the safety of the state, but to safeguard human dignity and the freedom of the individual."

I HAVE BEEN invited to the "chanukas habayis" (consecration of the home) by Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob J. Honig of Hollywood, Fla., whom I inadvertently failed to mention as one of the old friends I visited with during my trip to Miami Beach several weeks ago. The invitation reminded me that I recently asked the head of one of the largest advertising agencies in New York, a person who has befriended The POST, if he would put up a mezuzah in his new suite of offices if I sent him one. He said "no."

The chanukas habayis is a ceremonial that has a natural place in Jewish life, since Jews place special emphasis on the home. A new home is a great occasion in every man's life and consecrating the home to God is

a meaningful ceremony that our rabbis are trying to popularize as much as possible.

When I was in Hollywood, Rabbi Honig showed me his new home, and it was delightful. He had transformed the garage into a study and lined the walls with his books. I wish I could attend the ceremony, but my good wishes will have to suffice.

ALTHOUGH IT IS obviously merely an error on the part of the typist, still the news release from the World Wide News Service, a subsidiary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reporting on the biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Cleveland offers many interesting possibilities.

The release reads:

"Other resolutions passed approved the establishment of a voluntary rabbinical placement plan to appoint rabbis to pulpits throughout the country. Under the plan rabbis will be classified according to length of time in service and marital status, while those qualifying will be inducted into the armed forces."

The explanation is simple. One resolution refers to placement of rabbis in vacant pulpits. The other refers to the voluntary draft for chaplaincy duty adopted by the Reform rabbinate.

Bolivia Quietly Denies Entry To All Jews

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)—An unofficial policy of denying entrance visas to Jews desiring to enter Bolivia was disclosed here this week.

At the same time it was learned that the 4,500 Jews now living in Bolivia are labeled "semitic" by police and publications printing police communiques. To distinguish a foreign born Jew from a native Bolivian, a naturalized Jew's credentials are stamped "naturalized." Some eight years ago an attempt to legalize the immigration policy of denying entry to Jewish immigrants was thwarted.

Electricity sales by the Palestine Electric Corp. reached a new record during last May and June when industrial consumption went up 25 per cent and use of electricity for irrigation jumped by more than 200 per cent.

experience with the unbrotherly and the frictions that existed between the Edmonites and the Israelites, brother nations, since they were descendants from one father, Isaac.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

Portion of the Week

VAYISHLACH

PARSHAS VAYISHLACH. Gen. 32:4—36:43. Haptharah Obadiah 1:1—21. As Jacob approaches his homeland, he is full of fear of his brother Esau. Though 20 years had passed, he feared the anger of Esau and his descendants. So he sent out messengers to bring the message of peace to his brother. When he was informed that Esau would come and meet him with 400 men, Jacob's heart trembled and he prayed to God for deliverance. He went into seclusion and there wrestled with a heavenly messenger whom he subdued. From that time on his name was to be called Israel, because Jacob had striven with God and with men and had prevailed. After this encouraging experience, Jacob divided his camp, to save at least one half from his brother's wrath, and waited for the arrival of Esau. When Esau saw his brother, he embraced him and they shed tears of joy. Esau proved to be chivalrous, forgiving and generous. The Prophet Obadiah contrasts that

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Day School Without Secular Courses Illegal, Says Expert

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The constitutional right of American Jewish parents to give their children a religious education does not include the right to deprive the children of basic secular education, a leading Jewish authority on separation of church and state asserted this week.

Leo Pfeffer, assistant general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, made that comment in connection with a recent ruling holding a Brooklyn Jewish parent guilty of violating the New York State Education Law.

WHEN IT BEGAN

The case involved Mrs. Rose Auster, Meyer Weberman, her husband, and William, a pupil at the ultra-Orthodox Yeshiva Neveas Olum.

Mrs. Auster filed suit to obtain custody of the boy. Now remarried, the couple was divorced in 1947. The case came before Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Murphy, who ruled that Weberman could not confine the education of his son to a religious school if the school curriculum

did not include basic subjects required by the state education law. Weberman had conceded that of all the 11 basic subjects required by state law, only arithmetic is taught at the Yeshiva and that subject only as it applied to the boy's religious studies.

FANATICAL BELIEFS

Mrs. Auster complained that Weberman was fanatical in his religious beliefs, clothed the boy in a manner different from that of normal American Jewish Orthodox children and had the boy wear long hair which made him "subject to ridicule by other children."

Weberman presented lengthy quotations from rabbinical authorities to prove that systematic secular education was prohibited by Jewish Law. The mother produced two rabbis who disagreed.

The baffled judge said he could not rule on the religious aspects of the case but that the parents were violating state educational laws. (NJP Oct. 6).

NOT REGISTERED

Pfeffer, in his comment, said that the Yeshiva was not regis-



LEO PFEFFER
No Aid to Ignorance

tered with the Jewish Education Committee nor recognized by that committee as an accredited Hebrew day school. All instruction is in Hebrew and Yiddish. No English is used on the premises.

The parents of some of the

children at the school have been prosecuted for violation of the education law, Pfeffer said. They pleaded as a defense that Jewish Law prohibits children from learning secular subjects, as Weberman did.

Judge Murphy's ruling was preceded by a decision Sept. 25 from Judge Hubert T. Delaney of the Domestic Relations Court. Pfeffer said Judge Delaney's ruling contained an extensive analysis of all decisions of the United States Supreme Court involving a conflict of religious liberty and civil laws.

Judge Delaney considered as the basic issue whether sincerely held religious convictions were entitled to protection under the American Constitution whether or not such beliefs coincided with the belief of a majority of other adherents of that faith.

STATE COMES FIRST

He ruled, however, that in all cases where a claim of religious liberty is asserted, the court must weigh the interests of society in enforcing obedience to the law as against the right of

the defendant to practice his religious belief.

On that basis, Pfeffer said, Judge Delaney "held that the importance to democratic society that all receive a basic secular education must take precedence over the religious beliefs of these defendants."

Pfeffer said that the Congress agreed completely with Judge Delaney's decision.

ABUSES FEARED

"If the court were to accept the view of the parents that their particular religious convictions preclude compliance with the secular education laws the result would inevitably be all sorts of abuses in the name of religion," Pfeffer said.

Pfeffer also asserted that the judicial opinions were not only sound legal doctrine but also "in accord with authoritative Jewish Law. The violation of public law cannot be countenanced by the misuse of the concept of religious liberty which, in its legitimate form, is amply safeguarded and protected by constitutional guarantees in the courts of the land."

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

LESSON FROM 200-YEAR-OLD TEMPLE; U.S. JEWRY CAN AND IS CREATING

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I have read with interest your editorial on the 200th anniversary of my congregation, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim of Charleston, S. C., in the POST of October 6 in which you ask the question "Who then can say with certainty that Jews here will develop a creative Jewish culture, one indigenous to the United States, but as fruitful as in the golden days of Spain and Poland?"

You feel that you will have to wait till Beth Elohim celebrates its three hundredth anniversary in 2050, to find the answer.

Well, 100 years is a long time to wait, so I thought I might help you by bringing to your attention the following facts.

Beth Elohim is commemorating its 200 anniversary, not because it was clever enough to live that long, but because it has helped to make some contributions to American Judaism and human life. There has been a constant devotion here to Judaism. Not only is Thomas J. Tobias, our president in 1950, a direct descendant of Joseph Tobias, our first president in 1750, but we also have many other families of like nature, and many newer members. The old and the new have blended into a definite and continuous heritage of Judaism. And they come to worship regularly.

It is also of significance that some members of the two Orthodox congregations, to the third and fourth generations, still close their stores on Saturday and are unwavering in their observance.

At the same time there has been shown here a deep devotion to the United States of America from Francis Salvador, the first Jew to hold an elective office in the United States and the first to die for American independence on August 1, 1776, down to the present day.

Beth Elohim is the Cradle of Reform Judaism in America, because a group of its members in 1824 organized "The Reformed Society of Israelites," and in 1840, the congregation voted to place an organ in its synagogue, the first organ in a Jewish congregation in America.

Whether one agrees with Reform Judaism or not, it must be noted that this was a definite step in the creation of a Jewish

culture indigenous to America. Others questioned the projects of Reform Judaism, but ended up by following many of them themselves. Thus it was that Reform Judaism initiated the Friday evening service, now accepted by many American Jewish congregations. Reform Judaism created the first Sisterhoods, the first Brotherhoods, the first extensive program of religious text books, the first national Jewish radio program, the first national Jewish religious magazine, the first confirmation services, and many other rich ceremonies and effective procedures now adopted by most congregations. Certainly this is not a whole Jewish religious culture, nor is it the end of Jewish creativity in religion, but all this has set a pattern that has built up strong and vigorous religious institutions that are indigenously American.

Beth Elohim is also proud of the fact that it established the second Jewish Sunday school in the United States in 1838. Rebecca Graetz of Philadelphia's Mickve Israel would write out the lessons and send them on here to Sally Lopez and Pnina Moise. The Sunday school is under attack in some quarters and most will agree that it has its limitations. But even the best schools of all kinds are not perfect and continually have to improve themselves, and the Sunday religious school is improving itself continually.

This must be said for the Sunday religious school. It has worked. It has given a distinct approach to Jewish education. It has been adopted for many years by most Jewish religious groups. It has served as a nucleus for Jewish education. It has helped to keep many American Jews, Jews, for 112 years. Despite the fact that some students gain little from it (and this can be said for the other types of Jewish and general education), many have been grounded and inspired by its work. There are many Jews in my congregation today, in my former congregation, on other congregations, whose parents, grandparents, great grandparents, as well as themselves, have received their basic Jewish education in the Sunday religious schools, who are earnest and devoted Jews, who are wise leaders of the Jewish community, who

still seek further Jewish knowledge. More Jewish knowledge is of course always desirable, but the modern Sunday religious school, with all the latest techniques in education, does serve as a basis for Jewish knowledge and living. And it is a creation of Jewish culture in the American scene.

All of this has resulted in a pattern prevalent not only in Charleston but elsewhere in the American scene. It is the Jew who is naturally a Jew and naturally an American. He is at home in his synagogue and temple, an at home in his environment. He is not ashamed of being a Jew and he doesn't walk around with a chip on his shoulder. This is the result of generations of teaching: to be happy in his religion, to be conscious of his deep roots in a noble religious tradition, to have an obligation to bring his Jewish idealism to the aid of a dynamic American democracy. This is not true of every Jew in Charleston, certainly, but it is true of enough of them to be very obvious as you walk the streets of this community and visit the homes of many of its Jews. This American Jew is a living example of fulfillment, and that American Judaism works.

I would certainly agree that American Jewry can continue to create new spiritual approaches to life in the tradition of Judaism and American democracy, but I do not think you have to wait till 2050 to see it. We may not yet equal the golden days of Spain and Poland, but we are definitely on our way.

RABBI ALLAN TARSHISH
Charleston, S. C.

WJC Charges Open Nazism in Colombia

NEW YORK—WNS) Active anti-Semitism coupled with open demonstrations by Nazi sympathizers are frequent occurrences in Colombia, the World Jewish Congress declared this week in a letter to Don Eduardo Zuleto-Angel, Ambassador of Colombia, to the United States.

The letter cited a memorial service held on October 27 by Colombian students in honor of Nazis executed as war criminals. Those present, the letter said, displayed swastikas and distributed pictures of Adolf Hitler and other Nazi propaganda leaflets.

An order for \$1,000,000 worth of equipment has been placed in England for a new cement factory to be built in Ramleh.

U. OF PENN HAS HAD KOSHER COOP SINCE 1944, NOW DINING ROOM

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I read in The POST an article about the kosher cooperative at Hillel at the University of Madison.

In 1944 at the University of Pennsylvania, under the direction of Hillel director Dr. I. Rabinowitz, a kosher cooperative was formed at the Hillel Foundation on Locust Street. There was a nucleus of 30 or more students in the beginning headed by Irving Barnett of Scranton, Pa. The following year, under the directorship of Rabbi Rosenberg, it became a kosher dining room and has remained such since. Now the dining room has very modern booths and equipment in the new Hillel House on 35th Street in charge of Mrs. Heller and the Hillel director, now Rabbi T. H. Gordon. I was in the cooperative from the beginning and a waiter in the dining room until my graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School in June, 1949.

The deficit has been supplied by the Women's League of the United Synagogue of Philadelphia for the past five years.

DR. JEROME KELMAN
Detroit

Any Foundations MINUS Kosher Co-Op?

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In a recent issue of The POST, I noticed that you described the kosher eating co-op at the University of Hillel Foundation as the first of that type among Hillel Foundations. I would like to call to your attention the Hillel Kosher Supper club at the University of Maryland. Our supper club is also a co-op and has been in operation since March 1947. And, just to keep the record straight, I believe that even previous to 1947, there was a kosher

co-op at Queens University in Canada.

INGE FLEISCHMANN
President, Hillel Foundation
University of Maryland
College Park, Md.

More Hillel Co-ops That Are Kosher

Editor, National Jewish Post:

A brief news item in the Nov. 4 issue caught my eye and I wonder if you would publish my letter in order to correct an impression created by that item.

You quote the Wisconsin Jewish CHRONICLE who states that a K kosher eating co-operative, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Hillel Foundation, is believed to be the only activity of that kind sponsored by a Hillel Foundation. I feel that your readers ought to know that we, at the University of Illinois, also have such a group which is in its first year. I am informed by our director, Rabbi Samuel H. Berkowitz, that the University of Maryland Hillel had such a group as long ago as 1947.

Permit me to commend your publication for bringing items of this kind to the attention of the Jewish public. Such activities represent only a small part of the kind of work Hillel succeeds in doing among American Jewish college youth.

ERNEST KAUFMAN,
President, Hillel Student
Council,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Ill.

Kaiser-Fraser passenger cars and Mack lorries will form an important part of Israel's exports to Finland. She will also supply Finland with citrus concentrates, etheric oils, chemicals, woollen, cotton tissues, silk and rayon straight, I believe that even previous to 1947, there was a kosher

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THE RECORD RACK

AL JOLSON'S JEWISH HEART
SINGS IN YIDDISH-HEBREW RECORDS

By JOSEPH GALE

SOMETIME between his comeback and the day of his death, Al Jolson recorded two numbers for Decca, "A Cantor for a Sabbath," in Yiddish, and the prophetic "Kol Nidre," in Hebrew.

The choice is not so unordinary as one might think. Jolson was, despite contradictions, a deeply concerned Jew; most of the significant actions of his life stemmed from an abiding sense of religion. This quality is felt here more than any consideration of voice and performance: the quality of a Jew devout-at-heart. It is exceptionally appealing, since one knows, listening to Jolson, that he is plainly not in competition with anyone. He is simply a layman singing in the best way he knows how.

It is (perhaps an involuntary) identification with his people, and it succeeds—at least with this member. The future collector's item is on a 12-inch shellac (No. 29251).

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CANTOR Moshe Kusevitsky, who has up to now been recorded on RCA Victor's Purple Label (signifying international records) will henceforth be heard on the Red Seal Label signifying solid success. The transfer also means that Kusevitsky's records will be more widely advertised and distributed.

Prior to his migration, Kusevitsky recorded two farewell Purple discs, "Shir Hacheirut" and "Yerushalayim" on one, "Shalom Ladi Yerushalayim" and "Adarim" on the other. They can be obtained on 10-inch shellacs or seven-inch 45 RPM vinylites.

These are rare (for Kusevitsky) excursions into Israeli folk song. They leave me with several mixed feelings and one undiluted one—Cantor K. be-

longs in the synagogue, where he is a peer.

Kusevitsky's art is specialized and his vocal equipment limited. But they are superbly wedded to the framework of sacred music. Since his cantorial records are about the best in the trade, one would assume he should stay in the field where his star shines brightest.

As a folk singer, Cantor K. is no better, no worse, than countless others. His voice is not full nor agile enough to do justice to himself in the new metier. The cantor's training and his genuine gifts would acquit him in any vocal endeavor, of course, but I hope the new regimen will leave him at peace, unreformed and unmoulded.

GALE

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THE clear, clean voice of Martha Schlame can be heard, to Nachum Nardi's accompaniment, in "Hagalila" and "Shir Eres Al Hayam" on one 10-inch shellac, "Ali B'eer," "Gad Gdi," and "Sisi Admat Hasharon," on Columbia releases.

I admire Miss Schlame's meticulous attention to detail and the free, independent spirit in her voice. For some time now, however, I have earnestly wished Nardi would not sketch in obligatos to songs, but offer honest weight at the piano in sound, well-planned accompaniments.

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THE Gold Dust Twins of the musical comedy stage, Miriam Kressyn and Seymour Rechtzeit, are backed up, as the saying goes, on a 10-inch unbreakable shingle recorded by Banner. Kressyn sings "Licht Benchen." Rechtzeit renders "Shpait by Nacht," a Yiddish tango. The artists open their numbers in manners more serious than is customarily their wont. Fortunately, or not, at the conclusion of each, both are undeniably themselves again. The production is tasteful, for this sort of thing.

On 10-inch shellacs, Apollo offers Cantor George Wagner with Abe Schwartz and his Orchestra in "Farlorone Shtetle" and "Dos

Foodless Banquet

For Aid To Israel

National Jewish Post

NEWARK, N.J.—A banquet without food, so that more money can go to Israel, will be given here February 22 by the League for Religious Labor in Israel.

The affairs in previous years have run to seven courses. Rabbi Zev Siegel of Synagogue Young Israel suggested that food be omitted this time so the contribution would be larger. Members unanimously adopted the suggestion, and were consoled when the rabbi promised there would be music at the "hunger banquet."

Frailche Yid," and Jubilee, Paul Gerson with Bernie Share's Orchestra in "Roumanian Derna" and "Shtetle Belz." Gerson plays the harmonica.

Columbia Student Heads
Ask Ban On Frat Bias

NEW YORK—(WNS)—The governing student body at Columbia University has issued a request to the University to remove all written racial and religious barriers from the constitutions of campus fraternities, it was disclosed here.

The nine-man body of Columbia's Board of Student Representatives, which has been studying the question of discrimination in campus organizations for more than a month, has set October 1, 1956 as the deadline for such action.

The council urged its members last February to work through their national organizations for the abolition of membership restrictions based on race, creed or color. The 1956 deadline was set to give national fraternities, which do not meet often, time to act.

Rabbi Goldman Edits
New Epistle to Yemen

NEW YORK—Maimonides' famous "Epistle to Yemen," has been published in a new Hebrew edition by Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago, famous Conservative rabbinical leader.

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I THINK AS I PLEASE

ISRAEL SWEEP TO RIGHT IN VOTES
NOT NECESSARILY IDEOLOGICAL

By CARL ALPERT

THE significance of the municipal elections in Israel will be debated for many weeks to come, both in this country and over there. Party representatives all along the line will seek to interpret the results in the most favorable possible light for their respective points of view.

Whatever else may be said about the results, however, which showed a marked swing to the right, and a vast increase in the strength of the General Zionists, no magic reasons need be sought. The election returns, like the Israel cabinet crisis of a few weeks ago, and similar about-faces on the part of the electorate everywhere, had their motivation in none of the issues discussed by political theorists and international diplomats.

What was heard in Israel was the resounding gong of the empty dinner pail, the rumbling of a gnawing stomach, the impatient complaint of housewives who must blame someone for the empty shelves in the local grocery or meat market.

In short, seek for the reasons of last week's election results in economic causes. The food supply though adequate is unvaried. Shoppers must stand in long lines to make their grocery purchases. Many commodities are rationed or not available. And when Dov Joseph slapped new controls on clothing, the man in the street protested and rebelled.

THERE IS NOTHING but honor and respect for Ben-Gurion in Israel today and even the dominant Mapai Party commands general esteem because it happened to be the party in power when Israel became a state and succeeded in bringing large numbers of refugees into the country. The tired housewife and the economically strait-jacketed white collar worker have got to have a scapegoat, however, and there was a sudden popular turn in public opinion against those in power.

To be sure, other political parties sought to capitalize upon the crisis for their own advantage—just as political parties in the United States and elsewhere always do. The Mizrahi seized the opportunity to press for concessions in the field of religious education and religious observances. The General Zionists at once demanded a new election confident that they would emerge much stronger after the votes had been counted. The Mapam proclaimed that the country was in trouble because it was leaning on Anglo-American imperialism.

IT WAS THE intransigence of all groups which was responsible for the continuation of the crisis and for the inability of Ben-Gurion to find a formula for cooperative harmony. The real scapegoat was Dov Joseph. In the new Cabinet he has been relieved of the post as head of rationing and supply and transferred to the comparatively non-controversial department of communications. So long as the economic problems in the country continue severe, however, transfer of individuals will prove no solution, and Joseph's successor, burdened with the same problems, will simply emerge as the new villain.

Everyone knows what the answer must be: The country needs vast sums of capital and must reduce drastically the adverse trade balance. Even the die-hard socialists have long since been reconciled to the fact that without private capital, Israel will be throttled. The slogan "Socialism in

our Time" which only a few years ago had been regarded as a compromise, has now been abandoned and Ben-Gurion speaks of Israel as a happy combination of socialism and capitalism in which neither will be dominant. Recognition of the need for which neither will be dominant, private capital cannot change old habits however, and while the Government of Israel continues to encourage investment and to offer additional incentives for such investment, there is still fear and suspicion of capital and capitalists.

THIS HAS BEEN Israel's first Cabinet crisis, but it will not be its last. These are the healthy growing pains of a young nation which has shot up overnight. One has but to read early American history and to note the precarious plight of our own government during the first third of its existence to be reassured regarding Israel's future. What we have seen has been a splendid demonstration of democracy at work. If the same thing had occurred in Syria, the Premier of the country would have been assassinated; if in Egypt, the King would have jailed every complainant.

We learn from the elections that the people of Israel have independent minds, that they are slaves to no party, and that they do not hesitate to use the ballot box in the best democratic tradition. Israel has reacted under stress in true character, and we may be encouraged by all the evidences of its maturity and sense of responsibility.

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Barney Ross Refused To Fight On Holy Day
—Which Made The Task Of A Rabbi Easier

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

IF YOU write a column long enough, a couple of breaks are bound to come your way. And one has fallen in this direction recently. You will recall that the discussion in these pages about Jewish athletes playing on Jewish holidays waxed warm for about three weeks. Letters to the editor, letters to the column, etc. I believed—and continue to feel—that a Jew doesn't have to play baseball on Rosh Hashanah or on Yom Kippur. Many readers—too many—disagreed. They felt that a baseball player has every right to be indifferent to his religion.

I quoted the story of Sid Gordon, to show that, in at least one instance, Gordon played not because he was told to, but because he wanted to. Now here is an instance of a different kind. It concerns Barney Ross, one of the greatest Jewish boxers in history. This story is revealed for the first time by Frank Graham, in the current issue of SPORT magazine. The material in it is welcomed by me in particular, for it bears out all of my arguments on this matter.

GRAHAM RECALLS that Ross began to fight the tough Irish kids in his neighborhood because he was called "The Jew Boy." Gradually, he learned how to scrap. And, as Graham phrases it, "There was many an Irish kid who took home with him the marks of 'The Jew Boy' on his face."

It is an oddity that throughout Barney's career, he was mixed up with Jimmy McLarnin, the Irish slugger who made a career out of knocking out Jewish fighters. Of the bunch of them that he kayo'd, he never met one as good as Ross—and Barney licked him two out of three times. But that's not the subject of today's sermon.

THE STORY IS THIS

One of Barney's fights with McLarnin was called off because of rain. Graham adds: "It was suggested that the fight be held the following night but Barney said, 'No, tomorrow, at sundown, a Jewish holy day begins.'"

Graham reported this comment in his newspaper column and then received a letter from a rabbi on the East Side on the subject of Ross's remark. Graham does not recall the exact words of the rabbi's letter, but this is the gist of what he said—and I wish that some of the letter writers to the POST, including one rabbi from Sheboygan—will take note:

"I cannot tell you how much Ross's refusal to fight on a Jewish holy day has done for me. I have been trying, not always

with success, to get the boys in our neighborhood to observe their religious obligations and, unhappily, when I have cited examples in our congregation, they have sneered and said that these boys were sissies. Now I can point to Barney Ross and say: 'He is steadfast where you are not. Is he a sissy?'"

This, substantially, is the point I had been trying to make in my stories. And, among other things, I don't see how I can be taken to task for it—especially by a rabbi. But, as the saying has it, there are people and there are rabbis; there are rabbis and there are rabbis.

PERHAPS, TOO, the fact that men like Barney Ross and Benny Leonard did take into consideration the quality and mood of their Jewish following, they were heroes to those Jews. In two excellent books, the young Jewish heroes in the books wanted to emulate Benny Leonard and become fighters. In William Manners' "Father and the Angels," a work of non-fiction about an Orthodox rabbi in Zanesville, Ohio, the young protagonist becomes an amateur fighter. Benny Leonard is his hero. In Yuri Suhl's "One Foot in America," a delightful work of fiction, recently reviewed in these pages by Ward Moore, the young immigrant boy, too, dreams of being a fighter—like Benny Leonard.

It is hard to make a Jewish hero out of a 30-year-old man who, on Rosh Hashanah plays a professional game of baseball.

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RABBI SAMUEL SILVER, in his digest of the Yiddish press, has already written about David Flinker's JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL story concerning the Maccabiah. So I won't harp on it. I had intended to stress the fact that Flinker claimed that the Maccabiah was a flop not only because it didn't attract tourists but because many Israeli questioned the spending of a million pounds for such an

event. According to Flinker, the Jews in the transit camps were made very unhappy by the entire affair.

Yet I recently received a letter from a relative in Ramat Gan, where the athletes were housed, and my correspondent, knowing my interests in sports, devoted a longish letter to describing the Israeli interest in the games. He said that everybody in Israel was excited about the Maccabiah, just as we are about the World Series. The fellow who wrote to me is a former American—and has no ax to grind. I merely assume that there are two sides to every story—having read Flinker and having heard from a good native source.

L. A. Jewry Sponsor Non-Sectarian Sports

National Jewish Post
LOS ANGELES — The Jewish community of Los Angeles is sponsoring its first city-wide, non-sectarian sports festival.

The event will be capped with title games to be played Dec. 3. A total of 22 basketball teams, Jewish and non-Jewish, are now playing preliminary games. More than 200 players are participating.

The tournaments are being sponsored by the Jewish Centers Association, which plans to make the event an annual one.

JEWISH TOMBSTONES TARGET OF VANDALS IN WILKES-BARRE

WILKES BARRE—(WNS)—Sixteen tombstones were desecrated and some of them were smashed at the Jewish cemetery near this city by a number of hoodlums.

According to the police the vandalism was the work of adults since some of the tombstones were of weights exceeding a ton. The act of vandalism was discovered when members of the Anshei Emeth congregation went to the cemetery for an unveiling. The damage was estimated at several hundred dollars.

M. Leib and M. Leibman and B. Levine, officers of the congregation stated the police were co-operating with them in finding the vandals and bringing them to justice.

The Wilkes Barre TIMES-LEADER called the desecration of the cemetery a dastardly act, which, it said, must have been the work of adult hoodlums. It called upon the police to conduct a thorough investigation and to bring the vandals before the bar of justice.

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TORONTO SUBURB JEWS RAPPED FOR MEEKNESS ON SCHOOL BARS

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

TIME MAGAZINE seemingly scored a scoop with its story about Jewish children being segregated into special classes in the public school of Forest Hill, Toronto's suburb. Gentile children were in such a minority there that the school board, in what Time calls an "unhappy solution," placed them in classes



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from which Jewish children were siphoned off in all-Jewish groups.

According to the article, the board now realizes that this was the wrong thing to do, and next year will abolish the experiment. A. Iceland, of The DAY, is not only unhappy about this arrogant example of ghettoization, but over the manner in which the entire story was hushed up.

"Not a word appeared about it in Canadian papers!" he exclaims. In its write-up, Time praises the Jewish citizens for their quiet method of complaining to the board (which apparently contains no Jews, despite the large Jewish population). What the magazine praises Iceland condemns. The Jews of Forest Hills may have believed that the board "acted in good faith," but Iceland sees nothing but malice in their action, and believes it is a matter which all Jews should have known about.

Furthermore, the promise of rectifying the situation next year encounters his scorn. "Meanwhile, the Forest Hill situation will continue for the rest of this year." Unprotested, the same thing might happen in Forest

Hills, New York, warns Iceland.

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Gentile Expert On Talmud Dies In England

The word "pharisaic" is still defined in dictionaries as "hypocritical," but many Christians now know that the Pharisees were maligned in the New Testament and also in the dictionary. A Christian who devoted much of his life and writing to combating the libel of the Pharisees, who are really the sublime sages of the Talmud was Travers Herford, the renowned British scholar, who was himself greatly influenced by the research of the late Dr. Jacob Lauterbach, of the Hebrew Union College faculty.

Last week Dr. Herford died at the age of 90. In an editorial eulogy, the DAY couples Dr. Herford with the late American Christian expert on Judaism, Dr. George Foote Moore, as one who "performed exalted work with respect to winning friends for Jews. Both of them told the truth."

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Never Mind The Obits; Jolson Was Born In Russia

Some obits say the late Al Jolson was born in Petersburg, Va., others, Washington. Actually, says Mrs. M. Fleisher in the FORWARD letter column, he was born in Shrednik Kovno Gubernia, Russia. His father, declares Mrs. Fleisher also from Shrednik, was a shoet as well as a chazzan; his original name was Moshe Reuben Yavelson, and Al's Hebrew name was Ozer. Little Ozer was two years old when he was brought to America.

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Is There A Mystery At Columbia University?

Considering that Jewish students constitute "not more than ten percent" of Columbia University's enrollment and in view of the charges often made that the school is occasionally guilty of prejudice, the FORWARD's Tsvion is gratified to note that Charles Lazarus and Vivian Feigenbaum were elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the university's student body. Was their election due to their exceptional ability or to the fact that the students vote without consideration of the candidates' origins? Tsvion says he wishes he knew.

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National Jewish Post

MONTREAL—The YMHA senior basketball team, 1950 Dominion champions, won its first two exhibition games last week. Navy lost to the Y 79-39 on Nov. 16 while the Windsor Aces, another local club, went down to a 53-37 defeat.

These matches are part of the Golden Ball Tournament, an annual pre-season elimination event. Joey Richman, Y coach, explained. Cage mentors often use the exhibition game as a guide to picking their teams.

"One of two men may be dropped by the end of the tournament next week," Richman said when he listed the men who are to play for the Y in 1950-51.

Jim Lands, Mendy Morein and Murray Waxman are all veterans of last year's squad. In the 1948 Olympics in Great Britain they played for Canada as they did in the Maccabiah in Israel this year.

Jack Golfman and Irving Kott were also with the Y Seniors last year, although they did not make either of the overseas trips. Sammy Roth is new but has had experience with the McGill cage

squad, Richman added.

From the Junior and Juvenile aggregations at the Y, Meyer Herzlia by the Shimshon Com-Knobovitch, Herb Rudy, H. Sokoloff and Issie Tanzer have been promoted to the Seniors. rael's cement imports.

A new 4,000,000 pound Portland Cement Factory is being built at Herzlia by the Shimshon Company. Production at the new plant will considerably reduce Israel's cement imports.

Aussie Jews Push Fight On German Admissions

MELBORNE—(WNS)—Austrian Jews are against a mass influx of German settlers into the country and will oppose any moves to make this immigration possible, Ben Green, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, declared this week in a statement issued here.

The Australian Minister of Immigration, however, declared that the question of German immigration "cannot be judged on an emotional basis" and asserted that the Jewish body is the only organization in Australia objecting to the entry of Germans. German, Dutch and Italian immigrants are the only peoples eligible for Australia with required skills, he said.

Taking issue with the policy of the Immigration Minister, Green pointed out that the "in-discriminated and unrepentant nazis" will hurt, rather than help the nation's security.

Committee To Seek End of Israel Queues

JERUSALEM—A committee to study methods of abolishing consumer queues in Israel was named last week by the Ministry of Agriculture.

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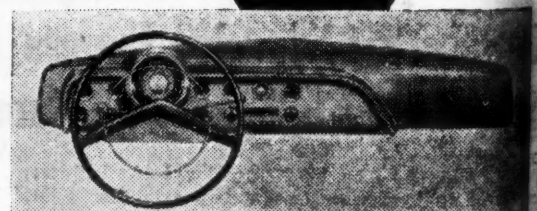
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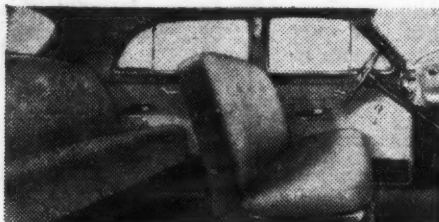


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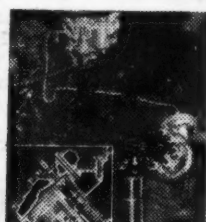
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